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For. **METHOD OF MODIFYING GUM ARABIC, MODIFIED GUM ARABIC  
OBTAINED BY THE METHOD, AND USE THEREOF**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination of this application, please amend the  
above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendment to the claims** begin on page 2 of this paper

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.